



# Riverside Neighborhood Partnership

## Meeting Minutes July 1, 2002, 6:30pm Mayor's Ceremonial Room, Manuel Carrasco, Chairman

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**Members Present:** David McNeil, John Strzelewicz, Manuel Carrasco, Brenda Flowers, Ernie Hautala, Arthur Bos, Tom Martin, Rose Francisco, Rita Norton, Dana Kruckenberg, Erin House, and Phyllis Wells  
**Absent:** Richard Burns, Barbara Brown, and Nancy Hart  
**Unexcused:** Phil Abraham, John Garcia, Lee Wagner, Jaime Hurtado, Marie Leggette, and Randy Akes  
**Guests:** Christina Duran, Gerald T. Smith, and Lydia Salazar, RPIH  
**Staff:** Eva Webster and Martha Matus, Office of Neighborhoods

1. **Welcome/Self-Introductions**

The meeting was called to order by Manuel Carrasco, Chairman at 6:40 followed by self-introductions.

2. **Approval of Minutes – June 1, 2002**

General consent on approval of the minutes from the June 1, 2002 meeting. Approved minutes by chairman.

3. **Park and Recreation Department Update: Manuel Carrasco**

Manuel reported that the letter addressed to the City Council in support of the efforts of the Sycamore Highlands Community Action Group is completed and will be mailed to City Council, copies to Mayor Loveridge, City Manager, and Park and Recreation Director.

4. **Office of Neighborhoods Update: Eva Webster**

Eva reported that the Office of Neighborhoods participated in the Eastside Neighborhood Unity Social on June 22, 2002. Neighborhood groups helped sponsor the event to provide children activities, food and refreshments. Staff has identified new neighborhood groups who have signed for the conference. The Neighborhood Appreciation Committee held an event that was in the Press Enterprise. We have set a date for the Awards Ceremony for November 16, 2002. Staff showed the Myra Linn Park video that was demonstrated at the NUSA conference in May 2002. Neighborhood Matching Grant fund status reports, receipts, flyers and pictures will be requested at the follow-up of the completion of neighborhood projects.

5. **Reports from Subcommittees**

a. **Neighborhood Conference Committees:** Tom Martin, Chairman, requested reports from the following subcommittees:

- i. **Sessions:** Eva Webster reported that Karen Susman wanted to call neighborhood leaders to get information about their involvement and community.
- ii. **Publicity:** Martha Matus reported about 15 door prizes to date. The program was designed and provided at the conference.
- iii. **Exhibits/Operations/Site/Volunteer:** Martha Matus reported that 28 vendors including city departments, community organizations, non-profit, and neighborhood groups. Operations subcommittee met on June 28<sup>th</sup> to discuss the schematic, classroom assignments, and childcare services. Volunteers will include some (6) explorers and (6) Americrop interns. Approximately 100 people pre-registered. Staff extended the pre-registration deadline.

- iv. **Neighborhood Caucus:** The neighborhood caucus subcommittee meeting held to coordinate the caucus. Materials will be prepared by staff and distributed to caucus leaders at the conference.

**b. Neighborhood Matching Grant – Tom Martin  
(No report)**

**6. Future Agenda Items**

**August 5, 2002 agenda:**

- Manuel Carrasco attended a neighborhood meeting in the Downtown area that discussed a particular issue on the new re-zoning of a property in their neighborhood. They are requesting to be placed on the agenda to request RNP's support.

**September agenda:**

- Lydia Salazar from the Riverside Fair Housing Council would like to make a presentation on the programs and sessions they have available for first-time homebuyers.

**7. Other Business**

- Phyllis Wells reported that the Arlington Park had a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new playground at the park on June 29, 2002. The Arlington NAC is working on other remodeling efforts for the park.
- David McNeil reported that Area 1 is undergoing a redistricting of council wards and the challenge involved with that. Also, he reported that the Downtown Specific Plan was approved by the planning commission without including the recommendations made by the Chamber, Raincross Club, and Riverside Downtown Partnership to increase the area of higher density housing in the downtown as specified in the plan.
- Manuel Carrasco also reported on the redistricting of Ward 3 that is underway.
- Jerry Smith reported on crime statistics in the Orangecrest Area.
- Eva Webster reported on the establishment of an Area 1 interdepartmental team at City Hall that it is hoped would be a model for the other police areas. The team will request resident input in the near future.
- Lydia Salazar reported on the Riverside Partners in Homeownership homebuyer fair in May and announced another education opportunity at Fair Housing on July 22. Anyone interested can call 682-6581.
- Tom Martin reported on a neighborhood issue involving harassment of a 14-year-old and response by Lt. Cannon.
- Christina Duran reported that the Eastside Neighborhood Advisory Committee gets crime statistics regularly from their area lieutenant.

**8. Next Meeting: New and Continuing Membership Orientation - August 5, 2002, 6:30 p.m., Mayor's Ceremonial Room – 7<sup>th</sup> Floor**

**9. Adjournment**

**Meeting notes prepared by the Office of Neighborhoods**

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